

1. I am one of the Defendants in this cause of action and have personal knowledge of the facts stated in this affidavit.

2. I am currently Sheriff in Beaverhead County and have been since January 1, 2022.

3. Before I became Beaverhead County Sheriff, I was a resident deputy of Beaverhead County, which is the position I held when the events alleged in Hill's Complaint occurred.

4. When I accepted the Beaverhead resident deputy position, around April of 2019, I moved to the township of Kidd, Montana where I lived with my brother-in-law Bill Briggs on Kezia Lane, while considering housing options for me and my family.

5. Around early January of 2020 during my patrols, I noticed unusual activity at 215 E. Bailey, which I believed belonged to Joe Richard.

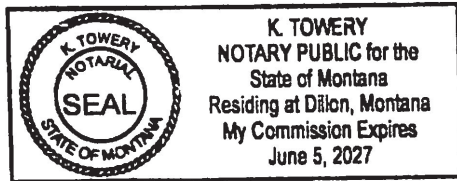
6. From Paul Burt's previous report, I knew of Hill's marijuana growing and decided to contact Devin Keller who was an inspector supervisor with expertise in the licensing and regulation of marijuana and marijuana products at DPHHS, which oversaw marijuana regulation in Montana at the time.


7. The charges against Hill were voluntarily dismissed without prejudice by the State's attorney general office, which took over the prosecution following the severe illness of Jed Fitch, the Beaverhead County Attorney.

DATED this 13 day of August, 2024.


Sheriff David Wendt

SUBSCRIBED TO AND SWORN TO before me on the 13th day of August, 2024, by Sheriff David Wendt.




Notary Public for the State of Montana

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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